

What is claimed is:

1 1. A wireless terminal (15) for communicating pictures via a  
2 wireless communication system, the wireless terminal comprising:

3 a) a picture manager (10), responsive to signals indicating  
4 pictures (11a 11b), for displaying the pictures (11a 11b) each  
5 of which are either editable or non-editable as indicated by a  
6 predetermined tag (12) embedded in the picture (11a 11b), and  
7 for examining each of the pictures (11a 11b) to determine  
8 whether each of the pictures (11a 11b) includes the  
9 predetermined tag (12) and so is either editable or non-editable  
10 depending on whether a tag in a picture is pre-agreed to signify  
11 that the picture is editable or is non-editable, for providing  
12 signals indicating edited and non-edited pictures (11a 11b); and

13 b) a picture source (14 17), for providing the signals  
14 indicating pictures (11a 11b) along with optional associated  
15 text, responsive to the signals indicating the edited and non-  
16 edited pictures (11a 11b).

1 2. A wireless terminal (15) as in claim 1, wherein the picture  
2 manager (10) will not enable editing a picture (11a 1b) if the  
3 picture (11a 11b) includes the predetermined tag (12).

1 3. A wireless terminal (15) as in claim 1, wherein the picture  
2 manager (10) will enable editing a picture (11a 1b) only if the  
3 picture (11a 11b) includes the predetermined tag (12).

1 4. A wireless terminal (15) as in claim 1, wherein the  
2 predetermined tag (12) is visible to a user of the wireless  
3 terminal (15) only if the wireless terminal (15) is placed by  
4 the user into a mode of operation allowing editing of an

5        editable picture.

1        5. A wireless terminal (15) as in claim 1, further comprising a  
2        memory device (14), and wherein the picture manager (10)  
3        automatically saves downloaded pictures (11a) including the  
4        predetermined tag (12) in a different location in the memory  
5        device (14) from where the picture manager (10) saves downloaded  
6        pictures (11a 11b) not including the predetermined tag (12).

1        6. A system, comprising:

2        i) a wireless terminal (15) for communicating pictures via a  
3        wireless communication system, the wireless terminal (15) as  
4        claimed in claim 1; and

5        ii) a base station transceiver (13), for providing  
6        communication between the wireless terminal (15) and other  
7        communication devices.

1        7. A system, comprising:

2        i) a wireless terminal (15) for communicating pictures via a  
3        wireless communication system, the wireless terminal (15) as  
4        claimed in claim 2; and

5        ii) a base station transceiver (13), for providing  
6        communication between the wireless terminal (15) and other  
7        communication devices.

1        8. A system, comprising:

2        i) a wireless terminal (15) for communicating pictures via a  
3        wireless communication system, the wireless terminal (15) as  
4        claimed in claim 3; and

5 ii) a base station transceiver (13), for providing  
6 communication between the wireless terminal (15) and other  
7 communication devices.

1 9. A system, comprising:

2 i) a wireless terminal (15) for communicating pictures via a  
3 wireless communication system, the wireless terminal (15) as  
4 claimed in claim 4; and

5 ii) a base station transceiver (13), for providing  
6 communication between the wireless terminal (15) and other  
7 communication devices.

1 10. A system, comprising:

2 i) a wireless terminal (15) for communicating pictures via a  
3 wireless communication system, the wireless terminal (15) as  
4 claimed in claim 5; and

5 ii) a base station transceiver (13), for providing  
6 communication between the wireless terminal (15) and other  
7 communication devices.

8 responsive to signals indicating pictures (11a 11b)

1 11. A system as claimed in claim 5, further comprising  
2 equipment (17) providing pictures (11a 11b) for downloading, for  
3 providing the signals indicating the pictures (11a 11b).

1 12. A method for use by a wireless terminal (15) used in  
2 communicating pictures via a wireless communication system, the  
3 method comprising:

4 a) an examination step (31), responsive to a picture (11a 11b),  
5 for examining the picture (11a 11b) to determine whether the

6 picture (11a 11b) includes a predetermined tag (12), for  
7 providing an indication of whether or not the picture (11a 11b)  
8 includes the predetermined tag (12); and

9 b) a mode guard step (32), for enabling editing of the picture  
10 (11a 11b) depending on the indication of whether or not the  
11 picture (11a 11b) includes the predetermined tag (12).

1 13. A method as in claim 12, wherein in the mode guard step  
2 (32), a user is allowed to edit the picture (11a 1b) only if the  
3 picture (11a 11b) includes the predetermined tag (12).

1 14. A method as in claim 12, wherein in the mode guard step  
2 (32), a user is not allowed to edit the picture (11a 1b) if the  
3 picture (11a 11b) includes the predetermined tag (12).

1 15. A method as in claim 12, further comprising a step (32) of  
2 displaying the predetermined tag (12) so that it is visible to a  
3 user only if the user places the wireless terminal (15) into a  
4 mode of operation allowing editing of an editable picture.

1 16. A method as in claim 12, wherein in the examination step  
2 (32), a downloaded picture (11a) having the predetermined tag  
3 (12) is automatically saved in a different location in a memory  
4 device (14) from where a downloaded picture (11b) not including  
5 the predetermined tag (12) is saved.